

## Smart Ways to Take Care of Wooden Fences

Fences and old homes are like two inseparable pals. An ancestral home's antiquated yet alluring charm just wouldn't complete without [heritage fencing](#). Unfortunately, the original fences weren't as strong as the homes they bordered. Usually made out of wood, they rotted and crumbled long before the big, old house showed the first signs of damage.

To complete the restoration of an old Hobart, Australia home, [fencing contractors Hobart](#) should be called for help. Depending on your preference, they'll recreate the old fence to a tee or build one that is different yet closely linked to the old version. The preferred choice of material would still be wood, of course, but things will be different. Unlike the old fence that was very susceptible to the elements, modern built wooden fences are stronger. They are chemically-treated to extend their "lifespan."

However, in spite of their now sturdier nature, wooden fences still need a bit of TLC every now and then. Here are some tips to help you take care of your fence:

One of the biggest enemies of wooden fences is water. To minimize water damage on your fence; make sure that the top part of every slab is cut at an angle. When it rains, droplets will roll off the surface instead of pooling on top. Once the sun comes up again, your fence will dry up fast.

Rain isn't the only water source you should protect your fences from. If you're using sprinklers, make sure that your fence is out of the spray's range.

Moreover, make sure that you have good drainage system. Don't let water pool along the base of your fence. Standing water will seep through the wood and hasten decay.

In addition, keep your garden clean and trimmed. Don't let fallen leaves, plant debris, or mulch collect at the bottom of your fence. They attract moisture that's harmful to your fence. Also, don't place plants right beside your fence. They will damage your fence as they grow. Plant trees and bushes a meter or two away from the fence.

Staining your wooden fences will also make them last longer. Invest on an environment-friendly product and spray or brush away. Aside from protecting your wooden fence, the stain would give your fence a nicer, darker finish. You can also use linseed oil for a cheaper, eco-friendlier alternative.

Constantly check your fence for signs of damage. Damaged boards can be remedied with waterproof glue. Patch them up as soon as you can.

And lastly, clean your fence regularly. Spend a day out in your yard once in a while brushing off dirt, cobwebs, and grime off your fences. Use grey water to save on the water bill and be friendlier with Mother Nature.

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